

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. – 13. (canceled).

14. (currently amended) A method for detecting fraud by a user of a shipping label having an identifier comprising:

receiving a print success indicator associated with a reprint request for the shipping label having a first identifier, wherein the print success indicator comprises a response or a default indication if no response is received within an allocated response time period;

receiving a list of identifiers representing items processed by a shipping stream;
if the print success indicator is negative, reporting a potential fraud if the first identifier is present in the list of identifiers; and

if the print success indicator is positive, reporting a potential fraud if the first identifier is present at least twice in the list of identifiers.

15. (original) The method of claim 14 wherein:

the list of identifiers is received periodically.

16. (original) The method of claim 15 wherein:

the list of identifiers comprise identifiers recognized for a period of time.

17. (original) The method of claim 15 wherein:

the list of identifiers is received daily.

18. (original) The method of claim 16 wherein:

the list of identifiers comprises identifiers recognized during the prior six months.

19. (original) The method of claim 15 further comprising:

reporting a potential fraud if an identifier having a successful print indicator is not recognized within an expected package period.

20. (original) The method of claim 19 wherein:

the expected package period is one period selected from the group of one day, one week, one month and six months.

21. (currently amended) A method for detecting fraud by a user of a transportation item having an identifier comprising:

receiving a print success indicator associated with a reprint request of the identifier that is associated with the transportation item, wherein the print success indicator comprises a response or a default indication if no response is received within an allocated response time period;

receiving a list of identifiers used in a shipping stream;

if the print success indicator is negative, reporting a potential fraud if the indicator is present in the list of identifiers; and

if the print success indicator is positive, reporting a potential fraud if the indicator is present at least twice in the list of identifiers.

22. (original) The method of claim 21 wherein:

the list of identifiers is received periodically.

23. (original) The method of claim 22 wherein:

the list of identifiers comprise identifiers recognized for a period of time.

24. (original) The method of claim 22 wherein:

the identifiers comprise identifiers from a plurality of sets of identifiers.

25. (original) The method of claim 23 wherein:

the list of identifiers comprises identifiers recognized during the prior six months.

26. (previously amended) The method of claim 22 further comprising: reporting a potential fraud if an identifier having a successful print indicator is not recognized within an expected package period.

27. (original) The method of claim 26 wherein: the expected package period is one period selected from the group of one day, one week, one month and six months.

28. (original) The method of claim 21 wherein: the transportation item is an item selected from the group: envelopes, post cards, postage labels, labels and packages.

29. (original) The method of claim 21 wherein: the identifiers are selected from at least one set of identifiers wherein the set of identifiers includes one or more from the group: planet codes, delivery confirmation numbers, IBI indicia, identifiers including the combination of a piece count and permit number, and identifiers including the combination of a meter number and ascending register.

30. (previously presented) The method of claim 14 wherein: the identifiers are selected from at least one set of identifiers comprising planet codes.

31. (previously presented) The method of claim 14 wherein: the identifiers are selected from at least one set of identifiers comprising identifiers including the combination of a meter number and ascending register.

32. (previously presented) The method of claim 14 wherein: the identifiers are selected from at least one set of identifiers comprising identifiers including the combination of a piece count and permit number.